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THERE seems little doubt now that, even if a declaration of war between Japan and Russia has not yet been made—and it was currently reported in the Colony yesterday, though no confirmation was to be had, that both H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and H.E. the Commodore had received telegrams announcing such a declaration—a state of war exists. For this we were prepared by REUTER'S first telegram of the 29th ultimo. Therein, though only on the authority of the *Daily Graphic*, S. Petersburg reports as to an approaching settlement were contradicted, and it was positively stated that the substance of Russia's reply to Japan had been communicated to Tokyo and by the Japanese Government conveyed to the friendly Powers on the 28th. According to the *Daily Graphic*, the reply was courteously worded (what else was expected?), but "absolutely refused to re-insert the word 'China' previously struck out of the clause in the draft treaty by which Russia and Japan agree to respect the integrity of China and Korea." The withdrawal from S. Petersburg of the Japanese Minister was consequently expected, together with a notification from Japan that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defence of her interests. S. Petersburg has since announced that the reply to Japan will not be transmitted until this week "owing to the great care necessary for its completion." This does not, of course, upset the *Daily Graphic* story, in which there seems nothing inherently improbable. If the Russian reply is indeed such as sketched by the London journal, it is a direct invitation to Japan to declare war, and Japan can only answer either by declaring or by taking such action that hostilities are unavoidable. We should

be inclined to expect the latter course, unless Japan expects to gain much by bringing into operation at once the laws affecting the conduct of neutrals, which will cripple Russia more than herself. The onus of declaration of war is one which Russia has evidently been anxious for Japan to bear, but we cannot think that any of the Powers can be so blind as not to see through the manoeuvre. It is a played-out trick, this forcing one's opponent to make the first overt step, but the experience of past history cannot have been altogether lost on the Governments of Europe. Nothing can take from Russia the moral responsibility of a war, if war there must be.

It would be useless again to discuss at length what hinges upon the outbreak of war between Japan and Russia. The course of events immediately expected is Japanese naval action of a vigorous character, the result of which should be to drive the Russian fleet in the Far East back on its two bases of Port Arthur and Vladivostok. The initial moves should suffice to prove the actual utility in action of the Russian ships and sailors, hitherto an unknown quantity. Secondly, we may expect to see the fruit of Japan's collection of a vast fleet of well-equipped transports in the invasion of Southern Korea. In reply, Russia will have to demonstrate the strategic meaning of the Trans-Siberian and Manchurian railways. From this arises the question of China's attitude, which must be an enormous factor in the situation. China has determined to be neutral, and Japan has done more than express her satisfaction at the resolve. But over a month ago Dr. MORRISON at Peking warned the paper, which he so ably represents that Russia was secretly trying to influence China to side with Japan, so as to afford the Russian troops an excuse for marching on Peking. Dr. MORRISON is firmly convinced that, if war breaks out, Russia does not mean that the struggle shall be confined to her and Japan; China may not willingly take up arms, but Russia will find some pretext for attacking her. What the end of a Russian move on Peking would be, it is impossible to foresee. France might not consider the terms of her alliance with Russia affected by China siding with Japan; but the advance of a Russian army against China's capital, wherein are the Legations of the Powers "friendly," in the diplomatic phrase, alike to Russia, China, and Japan, could not but be fraught with disastrous results. How could we expect the Chinese to distinguish between the Russians outside and the other foreigners inside the walls, unless assured of the support of some other Power against Russia? Barring European intervention, we can see for China little hope from the situation if Russia can find an excuse for entering Chili province. What, then, is the probability of intervention? The British Government has signified, through the mouth of Mr. AKERS DOUGLAS, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, its intention to fulfil "to the letter" treaty obligations to Britain's allies. The object of the treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Japan was to protect our common interests in the Far East, the integrity of China (not merely part of China) and Korea. Japan is apparently embarked on a life-and-death struggle to defend the integrity of China. It is therefore plain to what extent we are involved. It is satisfactory to note that in the past two days this Colony has been the scene of renewed naval activity. Naturally, in the circumstances, the authorities have nothing which they can make public. But that there have been extraordinary exertions is well known. The time may be at hand when these exertions will have their result. If not, then the predicted disappearance of Great Britain from the front rank of nations in the Far East will come about without further delay.

A smoking concert is to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday next, the 6th inst., at 9 p.m.

A home paper of the 1st ult. says:—The *Intopia* and *Lalona* have been docked at Portsmouth to prepare for foreign service, which, rumour says, will be on the China station.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel has resigned his seat on the Food Commission, in view of his departure for the Far East, to relieve Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge. Sir Gerard Noel is fifty-nine years of age.

Mr. J. Johnstone Keswick, late of Hongkong and Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, formerly Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and afterwards Governor of the Straits Settlements, have agreed to accept seats on the Tariff Reform Commission. Mr. Chamberlain proposes to leave England about February 15th for a short holiday, and when he returns will consider a new list for a second campaign.

On the Russian Volunteer transport *Kazan*, which passed through here on Thursday, recruits were the pick of the men drawn in South Russia for military service. As a body they are of much better physique than the ordinary Russian recruit drawn from the peasant class. They are also of superior intelligence.

On the 24th December Admiral Sir John Fisher, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, inspected the *King Alfred*, first-class cruiser, 14,100 tons, now on her way hither with relief crews for the *Gloria*, and the *Kinsha*, river gunboat, for service on the Yangtze. The *King Alfred* was found to be in a most satisfactory state, and she can, if required, remain for service on the China Station.

The Danish engineering firm of Smidt and Company have received a large order for engines for cement manufactories, which are to be started by the Russian Government in the vicinity of Port Arthur. The *National Tidende* states that these cement factories will be exclusively for the purpose of supplying material for Russian Government projects and fortifications in Manchuria. The engines are to be delivered early this year.

Capt. P. Molloy, Royal Marine Light Infantry, who recently completed his term of service on the *Gloria*, flagship of Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, Commander-in-Chief of the China station, has been granted permission to remain in Japan to study the Japanese language. He will be granted six months' full pay if he intends only to obtain a colloquial knowledge of the language, or twelve months for a higher standard, including some knowledge of writing.

The *Globe's* Portsmouth correspondent telegraphed at the end of December:—An important order relating to Naval Reserve men has been received at Portsmouth. It is that not only are the men to keep the Admiralty informed as to any change in their address; they are also to let their lordships know the address from which they could, in case of emergency, be summoned for active service by telegraph. It is customary to correct the reserve mobilisation list every year, but it is altogether unusual to adopt such precautions on the supply of a telegraphic address. This is regarded, however, as a purely precautionary measure.

Mr. Thomas H. Barker, secretary to the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, has completed for the Chamber a commercial mission round the world. With the commercial and industrial development of Japan Mr. Barker was very much struck. Mr. Barker deprecates that in China the British are being gradually ousted from the southern provinces by the superior activity of the French and Belgians. Mr. Barker expresses a fear that the British are losing ground commercially in the Far East, and regrets that the English language is so little spoken compared with French and German. But what about "pidgin"?

A pamphlet entitled *Japan's Military and Naval Power*, by Major von Urya, has been issued in Vienna, which at the present time provides some useful information. The material is chiefly drawn from Russian sources, which, in the author's opinion, are remarkable for impartiality. According to the writer, mobilisation will be carried through without difficulty, owing to the territorial system of the Army, the small distances, and the patriotism of the Japanese. The deficiency in horses will alone cause inconvenience. The work of transporting troops to certain harbours for embarkation will work less smoothly, owing to the almost exclusive adoption of the single-line railway system, the carrying capacity of which is, at a maximum, 24 trains a day. Incomparably better is the transport fleet, numbering 510 steamers, with a total tonnage of 580,000 tons. It can concentrate 200,000 tons in any large harbour of Japan within a week, which is enough for two complete Infantry Divisions of 33,000 men, 8,000 horses, and 108 guns, and 7,000 tons of supplies for three months.

Mr. H. Kopsch writes to the *London and China Express*:—In view of Russia's refusal to evacuate the province of Manchuria under the provision of the Peace Protocol, would not China be justified in denouncing Article I. of the Treaty of Aigun, of May, 1858, which opened the Amur, Sungari, and Ussuri rivers to the navigation of Russian and Chinese vessels only, to the exclusion of the vessels of other Powers, and to declare those waters to be free to international traffic? Article X. of our Treaty with China, signed September 5th, 1902, opens all internal waters to British and foreign trade and navigation, and does not specifically exclude the above-named rivers. It would be to the interest of all the Treaty Powers to support China in denouncing the Aigun Treaty of 1858, either wholly or in part. When a frontier State violates its treaty by invading the territory of its neighbour and takes military possession of the capital of the province, the aggrieved State is surely competent to annul its treaty relations with the aggressor, and to negotiate with friendly Powers for the granting of trading privileges hitherto exclusively accorded to the offending State. Could not China, which enjoys the right of navigating the Amur, alienate her right to friendly maritime Powers in view of Russia's violation of her Treaty with China, and her compact with other Powers to evacuate Manchuria? With the Amur river converted into an Asiatic Danube, and Manchurian waters open to international traffic, it would tend to safeguard the territorial integrity of North China and ensure an "open door" to the commerce of the world in Manchuria and its 17,000,000 inhabitants.

Owing to pressure on our space we are obliged to hold over Hongkong Jottings till to-morrow. On page 5 will be found an article dealing with the military resources of Japan.

H.M.S. *Archer* left Colombo for Portsmouth on the 14th ult., but it was still maintained that she would probably be recalled, should war break out between Japan and Russia before she reached Aden.

The *Lombard Journal Sloves Polakie* states that the Russian military authorities have acquired the services of several Austrian artillery officers for regiments in the Far East, and that these officers have been granted leave of absence by the Austrian Ministry of War.

In view of our special telegram from Manila, which appeared in our issue of Thursday last, the following, from the *Nagasaki Press* of the 22nd ult., will be of interest:—The U.S. despatch boat *Zofra*, which recently landed marines at Chemulpo, for the protection of the U.S. Legation at Seoul, arrived at Nagasaki yesterday morning from the Korean port. She is to be detained here for the purpose of undergoing repairs, afterwards returning to Chemulpo.

The *Engineer* of the 1st ult. writes:—After long negotiations an agreement concerning the Hankow-Canton Railway has been signed at last by the representatives of the American and Belgian Governments, says the Brussels correspondent of the *Standard*. It is stipulated that the northern part of the line shall be managed by the Belgians, and the southern part by the Americans. The board of directors will be composed half of Belgians and half of Americans. The original stock is fixed at £4,000,000.

December witnessed the production of a Japanese (or semi-Japanese) play at His Majesty's Theatre, London, entitled *The Darling of the Gods*. Among the audience present on the first night were a large number of the Japanese community in London, including Viscount Hayashi, the Minister. Sir Frank Swettenham was also present, in the stalls. A proposal is on foot to establish a Japanese Club in London. The committee, consisting of Captain T. Matsuo, I.J.N., Messrs. S. Kimuro (Mitsui and Co.), and T. Yoshii, have issued an appeal to Japanese residents for contributions to a special fund. It is hoped to raise at least £500, when the club will be founded.

Certain changes in the names of roads in the Colony are notified in the *Gazette*. They are as follows:—Upper Richmond Road will in future be known as Robinson Road; that part of Robinson Road west of its junction with Upper Richmond Road will be known as Park Road; Lower Richmond Road as Lyttelton Road; the path or road which runs westward from Robinson Road round "Edenhill" and "Inglewood" residences and then southward across Lower Richmond Road into Upper Richmond Road, as Babington Path; the path or road which runs southward, from the same point in Robinson Road, as above described, past "Oaklands" Residence to Lower Richmond Road, as Oaklands Path; and, finally, Richmond Terrace will in future be called Park View.

#### BURGULARIOUS ATTEMPT AT THE POST OFFICE.

At some late hour on Friday night a burglar made an attempt to rob the Post Office. Having made his entrance somehow, he penetrated into the Money Order Office and ransacked the drawers. All he managed to secure, however, was a 20-cent piece in a tin belonging to an office coolie. He tried, without success, to get into the Postmaster-General's room. The marks of the burglar's feet were distinctly to be seen on the counter of the outer office, but he left no other clue to his identity.

#### FREAR'S FRIVOLITIES.

The audience that turned out to witness Mr. Willis Frear's Frivolities completely filled the Theatre Royal, numbers having to be content with standing room only. Mr. Frear's performance was well worthy of the reputation he has gained as an entertainer all over the world. As an impersonator he has few equals as regards versatility and cleverness. He kept his audience in a ripple of laughter all the time he occupied the stage. The programme opened with "Frear as the Christy Minstrels," a most amusing sketch, which got him on the best of terms with the audience for the whole of the evening. Considering that he alone was "putting up" the entertainment, Mr. Frear deserves every praise for the way he kept the house amused. He is one of the best comedians ever seen in Hongkong. In the opening sketch he gave a negro song, "The Darkies' Jubilee," concerted melody, "The Order of the Moon," introducing an instrument of his own, "the Toot." Then he appeared as a Frenchman; as a London costermonger; as an Irishman; and as a coon (with love song and dance), all the songs being written and composed by himself. Perhaps the most successful item was Mr. Frear's appearance as Minnie Palmer in her song and dance, "I'm so shy," which fairly brought down the house. He also introduced, among other things, "Reminiscences of an Evening Party," introducing "The Village Blacksmith" (as sung by an actor), "The Charge of the Light Brigade" (in dialect), "The Alphabetical Temperance Lecture," "The Irish Policeman." The performance concluded with an impersonation of "Madam Oyster Patti in an upper attic selection." During the evening there was a bioscope exhibition by M. Rehmanjee.

To-night Mr. Frear will put on a fresh programme. H. E. the Officer Administering the Government will be present.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

### THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 29th January, 12 p.m.

#### GREAT COTTON CONSIGNMENT FOR JAPAN.

3,600 bales of cotton left Houston, Texas, yesterday for Japan. This is the record consignment for the Far East.

[Houston is an important Texan city, 48 miles north-west of Galveston, and once capital of the Republic of Texas. It is the railroad-centre of the State and the seat of numerous manufactures in connection with cotton, machinery, etc. This unprecedented export of cotton to Japan is plainly connected with war demands.—E.D.P.]

#### REUTER'S SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 28th January.

The Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovitch yesterday presided at a special Council in S. Petersburg, which was attended by Count Lamdorff, the Ministers for War and Marine, the Chief of the Army Staff and others. The Council lasted one hour and a half.

It is officially announced that the object of the Council was to find a means for a peaceful settlement of the dispute with Japan. It is expected that the Grand Duke Alexis will frame a report, which will be submitted to the Emperor to-day, and the reply to Japan will probably be despatched on Saturday.

The *Daily Graphic* states that, in spite of yesterday evening's telegrams from S. Petersburg, it is able to affirm positively that Russia's reply was completed on Wednesday and approved of by the Tsar. Though not yet despatched, the substance of the reply has been communicated to the Japanese Minister in S. Petersburg, who has telegraphed it to his Government, by whom it was conveyed to the friendly Powers yesterday. The reply is courteously worded, but absolutely refuses to re-insert the word "China," previously struck out of the clause in the draft treaty by which Russia and Japan agree to respect the integrity of China and Korea. It is anticipated that the official presentation of the reply will be followed by the withdrawal of the Minister from S. Petersburg, and a notification from Japan that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defence of her interests.

It is announced in S. Petersburg that Russia's reply to Japan will not be transmitted until next week, owing to the great care that is necessary for its completion.

It is known that both Russia and Japan have within the last fortnight officially communicated to the Powers a statement of their positions regarding some of the points at issue.

#### MR. AKERS DOUGLAS AT SWANSEA.

LONDON, 28th January.

Mr. Akers Douglas at Swansea said the Government would continue to do all in their power, legitimately, to promote a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between Japan and Russia; but if their hopes were disappointed, they would fulfil to the letter treaty obligations to their allies.

#### FIRE ON SATURDAY.

Another fire has to be added to the list of conflagrations just now rather frequent in Hongkong, and Wing Lok Street is again the scene of the outbreak, two houses, Nos. 54 and 56, being completely gutted. The house in which the fire broke out was occupied by Quan King, a dealer in fire-crackers and flour, who had a large quantity of those goods on his premises, the damage in consequence of the nature of the stores being therefore very heavy. The alarm of this fire was turned in about 11.50 a.m. and the Fire Brigade under Chief Inspector Baker was soon on the spot and had two hoses playing on the burning buildings, but the fire had made good way before it was discovered, and the buildings and their contents could not be saved, the efforts of the firemen being therefore directed toward preventing it spreading further. The cause of the outbreak is not at present known. The damage is estimated at \$26,000, but the property is insured with the Imperial Fire Insurance Co. of which Messrs. Dodwell & Co. are the local agents.

#### BUFFALO DANCE.

The members of King Edward VII Lodge R.A.O.B. gave a very successful dance at their Club-rooms on Saturday night. The rooms were prettily decorated and over one hundred members and friends attended to enjoy themselves, which they thoroughly did. The Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts to make everyone at home and the members are also fortunate in having such a hard-working Committee. Dancing was kept up till twelve o'clock mid-night, and everyone was sorry to leave at the conclusion, all wishing that it could have been kept up later. The Committee inform us that they intend giving more of these enjoyable dances and hope they will be as successful in the future as they were on Saturday night.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 30th January.

#### EXPORT OF RICE.

Some three months ago, it may be remembered, the prohibition on export of rice and grain from Canton was withdrawn. The whole of the export trade was farmed out, and a large sum was thus added to the imperial revenue here. This policy has caused a great deal of discontent. The price of rice has been steadily going up, and with it that of many other staple products. The charitable institutions, which have a good deal of influence among the Chinese, protested against the permission to export rice from the first, and now it is rumoured that their representations may not be without effect. In connection with the above, I hear that early this morning a placard, posted up during the night in Canal Road, was seized by the authorities. This placard is of the "flaming" variety. It points out the troubles caused by the export of rice—rise in prices and spread of poverty—and then somewhat illogically attributes the whole to the hated foreigners. Finally, it calls on all worthy Chinamen to rise and slay the foreigners on Shameen—and fixes the date for the 15th day of the 12th moon. All smoke and no fire! Foreigners have many crimes attributed to them by the Chinese, but it is hard to see how their culpability has been arrived at in this particular case.

#### BEACH COMBERS.

There has of late been a considerable influx to Shameen of undesirable characters of the species beach-comber, and the goal at the United States Consulate has been occupied more than once during the past month. The railway attracts men who have come to the end of their tether in Hongkong, and they come up on the chance of obtaining employment. These of whom are not taken into the employ of the Company often find it hard enough to get back to Hongkong, and in the meanwhile cause trouble on Shameen.

#### SHIPPING ITEMS.

On Tuesday last the river fleet received an accession to its numbers. The *Ying King*, Captain Arnold, will ply regularly under the British flag. A dinner was given on board Tuesday evening to the Consuls and some of the principal merchants, and the new venture may be said to have been happily inaugurated. After New Year we may expect to see the two new French ships, and the transfer of the *Kong Nam* to the West River trade.

#### CRICKET.

H.E.C.C. v. THE GARRISON.

The Club gained an easy victory in this match on Saturday, after declaring their innings closed at 277 for 6 wickets, they dismissed the Garrison for 131 only. The chief contributors to this success were Turner, who made another hundred and carried his bat, and Lambie, who put on to bowl first of all, secured 5 wickets for less than 4 runs each. The Club only made a moderate start, H. Hancock being out at 38 and Sercombe Smith at 49, but Hancock and Turner then proceeded to lay the foundation of a good innings, and the score was 117 before Hancock's innings (which included 7 fours) came to an end. Vivian, Brown, and Horley did not do much, though Brown hit a five, and 5 wickets were down for 178. When R. Hancock joined Turner, however, the Garrison bowlers were mastered and hit about most unmercifully. Two overs of Bradford's produced 16 runs and one of Chesney's 18. When they had added 98 runs Turner's and Hancock's partnership was cut short by the closure, the former being 115, and the latter 47, not out. They hit 23 fours. The Garrison, on going in again at 277, made a wretched start and lost 3 men for 14. Hodgson helped Davies to put on 75 runs. Davies himself was out fifth at 108, to which he contributed 70 by vigorous batting, being unimpaired by his recent accident. One else could do anything with Lambie, who was the fifth bowler tried, yet took half wickets. Consequently the Club won by 1 runs, beside having 4 wickets in hand. Scores and analysis:—

#### H.E.C.C.

H. Hancock, c Bradford, b Chichester ... 115  
T. Sercombe Smith, b W. b Chichester ... 49  
W. D. Brown, b Chichester ... 15  
W. D. Brown, not out ... 115  
Lieut. Vivian, b Chichester ... 15  
A. O. Brown, b Chichester ... 15  
Dr. Horley, b Chichester ... 15  
R. Hancock, not out ... 28  
Extras ... 28

#### Total (6 wickets) ... 277

Extras declared closed, P. T. Lambie, R. A. Posenby, and Capt. Harris, B.M.A., did not bat.

#### THE GARRISON.

Major Chichester (capt.), c H. b R. Hancock ... 0  
Capt. Davies, A.O.C. c Posenby, b Lambie ... 70  
Lieut. Cooper, E.B. b Smith ... 15  
Capt. Kirkpatrick, R.G.A. b R. Hancock, b Smith ... 15  
Lieut. Hodgson, S.F. b H. Hancock, b Smith ... 15  
Lt. Doran, A.S.C. c Posenby, b Lambie ... 15  
Lieut. Chesney, R.E. c Smith, b Lambie ... 10  
Lieut. Dobson, R.G.A. c Turner, b Harris ... 8  
Sergeant Skinner, A.O.C. b Lambie ... 8  
Lieut. de Plafie, S.F. b Lambie ... 8  
Corpl. Bradford, A.O.C., not out ... 28  
Extras ... 28

#### Total ... 131



## BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

## ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

On Saturday Mrs. May performed the ceremony of presenting the prizes to the scholars of the Bellios Public School. Captain M. R. Hurley, A.D.C., accompanied Mrs. May, who was not by Mrs. Bateman, the head mistress. There was a large attendance of visitors. After an exhibition of physical drill had been given by the girls the presentation of prizes was made.

Mrs. May said—Mrs. Bateman, ladies and gentlemen—It has given me great pleasure to come here today to present the prizes. The report seems to indicate a very satisfactory state of things; and that the school should show no marked increase in spite of increased fees and the competition of other schools is indeed satisfactory. As regards the Chinese girls in the vernacular school, I am fully in sympathy with the experiment alluded to in Mrs. Bateman's report—I mean the encouragement of the girls from the vernacular school to complete their studies in the English school. I congratulate the girls who have won scholarships, and I wish Mrs. Bateman, her staff, and all the children a very happy holiday. (Applause.)

Mr. E. A. IRVING, Inspector of Schools, said he felt that he need add very little to the comments of Mrs. May regarding the report, although he fully endorsed the report. The school should not only have kept up its numbers, but have increased them by 14 per cent., showed that it was in a very healthy condition. Beside the matter of increased fees, the school suffered from the competition of other schools, which had arisen and which offered advantages to special sections of the community. In particular, he mentioned the Kowloon School, and said he could not refrain from expressing his admiration at what he called the altruism of Mrs. Bateman, who had parted with many of her best scholars without a sigh or, if with a sigh, a very small one. As regarded the education, in English, of the girls of the Chinese school, he felt that a word of acknowledgment was due to Miss Bateman for the able way in which she had furthered that object. Her pupils had, in a short time, reached to a considerable measure of knowledge in English, and this in spite of the fact that Miss Bateman had been hampered in several ways during her year's work. As an instance, he mentioned the fact that, for a portion of the time, a member of the staff had to be seconded upon other duties, which threw an additional class on Miss Bateman's hands. But he alluded specially to the outrage which incapacitated her from duty during a part of last term. He was glad to say that she was completely recovered from its effects, and was pleased to hear that not only had the stolen property been recovered but the miscreants themselves had been "recovered," and were now paying the penalty of their villainy. Proceeding, Mr. Irving then directed the scholars' attention to the old maxim "Hard work brings success," and said that such was not always the case. Sometimes success might come without hard work, and therefore he asked them to consider how the maxim would read transposed, "Success brings hard work." He said that it was no empty paradox, but a fact which they might verify for themselves. As an instance, he asked which soldier and which civilian were they who during the late war worked harder than any? Not the private in the ranks nor the clerk in the dockyard, though they worked very hard. If he had to guess he would say the hardest workers of all were the men whose success had already brought them to the top of the tree—Lord Kitchener and Mr. Chamberlain. And if they considered the highest example of all, it was not hard work that brought King Edward to the throne. But how much spare time did they think he had? Well, might their national song put the words into the mouth of King Henry, "Unhappy lies the head that wears a crown." And therefore, when they considered the innumerable calls upon her time, they must, with great heartiness, tender their thanks to the lady who had lengthened a long day's work by attending at the school to distribute the prizes. (Applause.)

Miss Kitty Hung then presented Mrs. May with a basket of flowers, and the proceedings ended with the singing of "God Save the King." The prize list is as follows:—

## ENGLISH DIVISION.

Class I—1, Ella Hyndman; 2, Mary Peterson; Special diligence, Ida Noma; Needlework, Annie Leslie.

Class II—1, Florence Joseph; 2, Marian Alarika; Needlework, Agnes Law.

Class III—1, May Kin; 2, Ah Ching; Needlework, Olive Lu Cheoy.

Class IV—1, Agnes Lee; 2, Annie Olson; Needlework, Mary Lindblom.

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

Class I—1, Ah Yik; Needlework, Grace Ablog.

Class II—1, Lo Lai Wah; 2, Ah Ngo.

Class III—1, Nellie Kaye; 2, Ebrahim Ahmet; Needlework, Kitty Hung.

Class IV—1, Leung Lai Shan; 2, On Wing.

Class V—1, Zala Alarika; 2, Abu Moosa.

## CHINESE DIVISION.

Class VII—Li Mei Yuk, Tsang Li Shim; Class VI, Li Hung, Wan Ying Tung; Class V, Kwan U Yau, Wong Sai Miu; Class IV, Ng Sin Yau, Tao Chuk Chan; Class III, Ch'ao Po Chan, Leung Loi Ho; Class II, Ko Tei Lu, Mak Wo; Class I, Ho Tai Ngo, Ng So.

Embroidery—Class VII, Yuk Mei Li; VI, Li Hung; V, Kwan Yau Yau; IV, Ng Lin Yau; III, Chan Po Chan; II, Mak Wo; I, Wong Kwai.

Mrs. Bateman wishes to express her sincere thanks to the following generous donors of prizes:—

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## THE A.D.C. IN "HIS EXCELLENCY."

It has been decided to alter the dates of the Amateur Dramatic Club's performance of *His Excellency*, owing to the fact that the Theatre Royal is engaged for four nights out of six this week and rehearsals are consequently impossible. There will now be five performances, on the following dates:—Saturday, the 13th February; Wednesday, the 17th; Thursday, the 18th; Friday, the 19th; and Saturday, the 20th. The booking office will be open to the general public on and after the 8th inst., for guarantees there will be no change in the date of booking.

## FOOTBALL.

## H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "ALBION."

This match was played on the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. In the first half the Albions proved themselves the stronger players, and in the second half the Club seemed to have lost heart altogether, the ball being kept at their end of the field, and six tries scored against them. Hongkong kicked off, the ball being promptly returned to touch. A scrum resulted in a gain of ground for the Club. Mid-field play then continued for some time, the Club fairly maintaining an aggressive position. With a powerful kick the ball was driven to the Club 25, Macdonald returning it to touch. Next followed two good scrummages in the Club half. Macdonald had a bad encounter with one of the Albion men, necessitating a suspension of the game for a couple of minutes or so. Again to work, play assumed a more exciting character, the Albion men becoming more aggressive. The Club made another advance, but were soon obliged to change their tactics to defence. They were particularly weak in the scrums, and this told heavily against them. The Albion team was awarded a free kick just outside the Club 25, but D. Nibby made a very weak shot. The Club gradually made headway, though play was more of a cross-field nature than anything else. The advance was terminated by one of the Albion men managing to get away with the ball, dodging two or three Club men in the net. A scrumming resulted in an Albion forward heeling the ball nicely to one of his side, who made a good bid at scoring. He was collared, however, and had to have his clothes patched up in consequence. Play continued for some time in the Club half. A series of kicks into touch on the right wing terminated the first half, no score. After changing sides the kick-off by the Albion was returned. As the result of a scrum the Albions got away with the ball, carrying it to the Club 25. The ball was taken across the line, but the player was recalled. A free kick and a punt up the field afforded the Club a certain amount of relief, but the ball was quickly returned to their 25. From a scrum on the line Child secured the ball and scored a try; Boyle made a poor attempt to convert it. Play once more drifted to mid-field, but the Albion, getting the better of a scrum, again took up a dangerous position, and once more there was a scrum on the line resulting in Child securing another try; this, also, was unconverted, though the kick was a good one, many thinking it had gone between the posts. Almost as soon as play was recommenced Child put on another try; the extra points were not added, the ball travelling low. A scrum resulted in the Albion again securing the ball, and, after some pretty passing, Warren got away with it and added further points to the score; this try was converted. A miserable second half ended in another unconverted try by Hardman Jones. The game resulted in a victory for the Albion by 1 goal, 5 tries, to nil.

The teams were:—

H.K.F.C.: Lt. G. B. Macdonald, back; W. R. Robertson-Chambers, Lt. Richards, and E. A. Whitmore, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. B. de Venille, halves; E. R. Hallifax, H. E. Rowley, Lt. Rogers, H. C. H. Nowman, W. A. Crane, H. F. Chard, and Jermain, forwards.

Albion: Corsar, back; Royle, Warren, McCleod, and Hargreaves, three-quarters; Blackwood and Child, halves; Boyle, Hughes, Boxer, Jallahan, Layard, Hardman-Jones, H. L. Jones, and Danby, forwards.

Mr. Gordon, H.M.S. Ocean, referee.

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## THE COMING RACES.

## SATURDAY'S TRAINING.

The turf was very heavy on Saturday; it had, of course, been watered on the previous evening, and, as there was a heavy dew during the night, did not have a chance to settle. Had the practice been a little later in the day times, no doubt, would have been much better. As it was, the morning's work was considered very satisfactory. The work of Coronet Rose was considered good; Buxey's stable is very strong. Fiscal doing the mile in 2:20 was noteworthy. Nerves, ridden by Commander Gaunt, merely trotted around the course, no attempt being made to drive him. Some of the times were as follows:—

Discord, 2 miles, last 2:—1:46.  
Algerine, 12 miles, last mile:—2:22.  
Rebel King, 2 miles, 35—35, 1:10, 1:45.  
Ree and Polka, 11 miles, last mile:—2:30.  
Remnant and Ichiban, 1 mile, last 2:—1:33.  
Aravapague, 1 mile:—2:37.  
Chantiqua, 1 mile, last 2:—3:45, 1:10, 1:45.  
Fun, 1 mile:—2:24.  
La France Rose, 1 mile, last 2:—3:4, 1:10, 1:45.  
Tai-gee and Maudie, 11 miles:—4:53, 1:29, 2:14, 2:51, 3:22.  
Cliffon and Regret, 12 miles, last 2:—2:18, 1:15, 1:54.

Mongoose, 1 mile:—3:15, 1:57, 2:38.  
Pech, 1 mile:—3:15, 1:51, 2:54.  
Rocket, 1 mile:—3:18, 1:49, 2:15.  
Elder and Bailey, 1 mile:—2:21.  
Lord Algy, 1 mile:—3:17, 1:55, 2:30.  
Coronet Rose, 11 miles:—3:51, 1:09, 1:44, 2:18, 2:33.  
Liberty Rose, Eclipse, and Sirius, 1 mile:—3:5, 1:03, 1:42.  
Fiscal, 1 mile:—3:13, 1:4, 2:04.  
Zoufal, 1 mile:—3:4, 1:16, 1:52, 2:27.  
Standard, 11 miles, last 2:—3:51, 1:15, 1:48.  
Syph Rose, 11 miles:—3:17, 1:12, 1:48, 2:25, 3:02.  
Go Bang and Colonial, 11 miles, last 2:—4:23, 1:19, 1:51.  
Lantern and Noddy, 1 mile, last 2:—3:5, 1:12, 1:47.

## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

## FOUR-OARED RACES.

The committee of the Victoria Recreation Club deserve praise for their institution of scotch races during the off season. It was not exactly known how the venture would take, but events have proved its popularity among the members of the Club. Mr. Frank White, the then Secretary, set the ball rolling, and his progress is being kept up unflinchingly by his successor Mr. H. C. Austin, who has earned well-merited commendation for himself by his conduct of the secretarial duties. On Saturday morning the scotch-race events took place. Competition was keen, and there was a good attendance of spectators. There were in all three races, two four-oared and one double scull. Mr. K. W. Mitchell acted as starter, Mr. M. A. A. Souza as time-keeper, and Mr. W. Armstrong as judge. The results were as follows:—

FIRST RACE.  
1 Leek—H. C. Austin, H. Loureiro, H. Rapp, and A. J. V. Ribeiro.  
2 Shamrock—A. Humphreys, J. J. Watson, W. Goggin, and L. A. S. Seth.  
3 Kowloon—G. A. S. Alves, F. P. Musso, E. E. de Silva, and A. E. Asger.  
The Shamrock got away well at the start and maintained a lead varying from one length to two lengths for three-quarters of the distance, when Austin's crew put on a spurt that got them home about a length ahead in the good time of 8 mins. A poor third. Mr. Frank Lammert was o.c.

SECOND RACE.  
1 Leek—S. M. Gidley, H. J. W. Gidley, A. Marti, and E. Humphreys.  
2 Shamrock—F. K. Tata, L. A. Musso, J. Cruekshank, and J. M. Rosa Pereira.  
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THIRD RACE.  
In this race (double sculls) there were three entrants. It was thought that the event lay between the Musso brothers and the Gidley brothers, but the Gidley boys broke down soon after the start and were not in at the finish. The race then lay between Musso and Wittehall, and was won by the former with a length and a half to spare. Time, 3 mins. 40 secs.

At the conclusion of the races the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. A. Chapman, president of the Club. He said he was very pleased to see the interest that was taken in these scotch races, and said he understood that, although there would not be another scotch race this month (February), there would be one in March. (Applause.)

The proceedings ended with three cheers and the inevitable V.R.C. "tiger" for the president.

## NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LD.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.  
The thirteenth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders in the above bank was held at the offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, at noon on Saturday. Those present were Mr. Scott Harcourt, (Chairman), and Messrs. J. Scott Harcourt, G. C. Moxon, Julius Focke (directors), G. W. F. Playfair (chief manager), C. Evans, E. Kadoorie, P. C. Poth, E. W. Terry, H. Puckney, J. R. Michael, Chan Ki, Fung Wa Chen, and others.

Mr. G. W. PLAYFAIR having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, in submitting to you the report and accounts for the past year, which, with your permission, will, as usual, be taken as read, I would point out that our gross profit shows an increase. This is all the more satisfactory in the past year showed very heavy fluctuations in exchange following on the decision to rectify the Straits currency and to establish the peso in the Philippines, while the close of the year was darkened by the probabilities of hostilities between two neighboring Powers, disturbing exchange and making trade difficult and disturbed.

You will observe that charges account has increased, but that was inevitable, as the falling exchange necessitated our placing the salaries of our European staff on a sterling basis. In other respects the figures in the accounts speak for themselves and

do not show much variation from last year. We have written a further \$5,000 off furniture account, which now remains at merely the nominal figure of \$10,000. In the Chairman's speech last year we alluded to the prospect of by one means or another bringing our capital into line with the reduced value of exchange; but heavy fluctuations in the past year still make it difficult for us to formulate a scheme for submission to your approval. We have not lost sight of the matter, however, and hope to refer to it again at the earliest opportunity. I propose to make a few remarks to you in relation to the prospect financial and otherwise. I make to these remarks because I think they ought to be made at some public meeting in Hongkong. As you all know it is common talk that Hongkong possesses, and will continue to possess, a natural geographical advantage, and that it cannot possess any rival in its own sphere (Applause). That is all very well, but it is not an absolutely determining factor. Hongkong must remain a free port. It is a barrier market or pawn-shop for trade; it has no local industries, and is not a producing centre. It is a junction for the re-distribution of trade and cargo traffic in general, and its stability depends upon its ability to attract commerce. It possesses a fine harbour, and in the course of the last fifty years it has developed very fine storage capacities. But now its position is threatened by the development of Canton, by the substantial development of Canton. Now, gentlemen, if Canton is properly developed, as it may be by the advantage of the Canton-Hankow railway, which will place it in rapid communication with the northern trade, it will make a very big bid, and I think it may possibly succeed in wresting from Hongkong the supremacy which it now enjoys. Canton has advantages over Hongkong in several respects; the labour is cheaper there, and the Chinese are free from Sanitary Boards and their restrictions, and this may lead to a possible departure of local trade from Hongkong to Canton. It behoves the leaders in Hongkong to consider, and after due consideration to take steps to leave Hongkong absolutely free from any attack in that direction.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL—In view of what you have said about the trade of Canton, do you recommend the bank to open a branch there? The CHAIRMAN—I am not prepared to deal with the question properly yet. I simply made a few remarks which I think ought to have been made. I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. ELLIS KADOURIE seconded and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN—Since the report was issued Mr. G. C. Moxon has been elected a director instead of Mr. Chow Tung Shing—this you are now asked to confirm and to re-elect Mr. Moxon for the coming term of service. I also propose that the elections of Messrs. Harston, Focke, and Moxon be now confirmed, and that Mr. Moxon be re-elected a member of the Hongkong Board and Mr. Stuart Wortley a member of the London Committee.

Mr. TERRY seconded and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN—I beg to propose that the place of Mr. William Wotton as a director and member of the London Board, or Advisory Committee of Directors, who retires at this meeting under Article 133, be not filled up, and that the London Committee shall be reduced to two instead of three (under article 137), thus altering the minimum number hitherto authorised by article 115. You will remember, gentlemen, that this was passed at last meeting, but as our London solicitors were of opinion that notice ought to have been given, it has now been brought up again this year and proper notice given both in England and Hongkong.

Mr. LEWIS seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. P. C. POTTS—I beg to propose that Mr. R. C. Wilcox and Mr. A. R. Lowe, chartered accountants, be re-elected auditors to act jointly, or severally at a remuneration of \$300 each, or \$500 for a single audit; also that Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths & Co. be re-elected auditors in London at the same remuneration as before.

Mr. CHAN KI seconded and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN—There is no further business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be issued on Monday. Thank you for your attendance.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.  
Moderate to strong N.E. monsoon.

H.M. cruiser *Cressy* arrived here yesterday. She left Weihaiwei on the 27th, Mira Bay on 31st ult.

A RUSSIAN STRAMER.  
Two more Russian steamers, the *Edward Bay* and *Manchuria*, arrived from Russia yesterday with general cargo. All Russian arrivals, being comparatively few, are noteworthy.

THE P. & O. MAIL.  
The P. & O. s.s. *Clusna*, Capt. W. B. Palmer, arrived from Bombay on Saturday afternoon with the outward mail, having connected at Colombo with the Australian mail.

ANOTHER STEAMER SOLD.  
The s.s. *India*, recently at Hongkong, has been sold to the Chinese Kien Kaisha and renamed *Nippon*.

P. & O. STEAMERS TO BE SOLD.  
It is said in an Osaka paper that the P. & O. steamers *Australia*, *Carthage*, *Paramatta*, and *Assyria* will be sold shortly.

JAPANESE STEAMERS.  
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Toyo Kisen Kaisha have decided to suspend temporarily their regular service to America and Europe owing to scarcity of steamers.

THE S.S. "DIOMEA".  
Fresh N.Y. winds and strong favourable currents are reported by Capt. E. C. Thompson of the s.s. *Diomea*. She arrived from Kuchino on Saturday in ballast.

STEAMER FROM SUMATRA.  
The German s.s. *Tatung* arrived from Deli, Sumatra, in ballast on Saturday.

SWATOW TO HONGKONG.  
Strong breeze and moderate sea is reported by Capt. Gibson of the Douglas s.s. *Haitong*. He arrived from Swatow yesterday.

THE S.S. "GLENFLOCH".  
The s.s. *Glenfloch* arrived from the Straits on Saturday with general cargo consigned to Chinese. Capt. R. S. Bainbridge reports strong N.E. gale, high sea, overcast, and squally.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.  
The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachsen* left Shanghai on the 30th ult., at 10 a.m., and is expected here this evening.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydlitz*, leaving the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 5th ult., left Singapore on the 30th ult., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on the 4th inst. at 2 p.m.

The C. & M. steamer *Rubi* left Manila on the 30th ult., at 11 a.m., and is due here this afternoon.

The N.G.I. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 29th ult., and may be expected here on the 5th inst.

## NOTICE.

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## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their Weekly Share List, dated Hongkong, 30th January:—

With the exception of a large business in China Sugars at rising rates, our market has remained quiet and inactive, transactions being few and far between. The sterling demand rate on London is 9.11/16d. The three days' sight rate on Shanghai for Private Paper is 7.11/16d. To 7.11/16d, while the T/T drawing rate is more or less nominal.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled quiet, with a small sale reported at \$645; the London rate is £62; the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders will be held on 20th proximo, transfer books closing from 6th to 20th proximo. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions have been placed at \$400, but more shares are on offer. China Traders are offering at \$58, and a firm offer at a slightly lower rate may bring out shares. North China can be placed at Tls. 66, Cantons and Yangtzes are unchanged.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong are a little firmer and have buyers at \$302½. Chinese sold at \$309/32, and have sellers at latter rate; at \$32 shares can be placed.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship shares have changed hands at \$304 to \$31, and a few are on offer; a sale at \$314 for 31st March is reported. Indo-China sold at \$73½ and \$73 cash, also at \$78 for 30th June; the closing rate is \$73½ sellers. Shanghai quotes Tls. 52 buyers. Owing to the withdrawal of the Japanese boats from the Manila line, China and Manila sold at improving rates, and up to \$30 has been paid, the market closing with buyers at \$19½. Douglases sold at \$30 to \$31 and have small inquiries at \$31. Star Ferries have sellers at \$30 for old and \$19 for new shares. Shells sold and are wanted at \$1, ex the interim dividend for 1903 of one shilling per share, paid in London on 1st January.

REFINERIES.—A strong demand for China Sugars sent the rate up several points, and a fairly large business has been put through at \$104 to \$107 per share for cash, the market closing with sellers at \$106½; shares also sold at \$105/109 for 31st March and at \$112 to \$114 for 31st August. Luzens are quite neglected.

MINING SHARES.—Unchanged; a few Raubs sold at \$6.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's shares have been in some small demand, and a few lots sold at \$209 to \$210 each, also at \$214 to \$215 for 31st March; at the close the market is quieter with probable sell-off at \$209 cash. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company shares have been fixed at \$95 and more shares can be placed. New Amoy Dock shares are for sale at \$38. Farnhams have advanced to Tls. 125 buyers; in Shanghai shares sold today at Tls. 126. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have been done in the north at Tls. 200.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong and Land Investment and Agency Company's shares have fallen to \$150 sellers, or the final dividend at \$8 per share paid on 29th instant. Kowloon Lands remain on offer at \$35½. West Points sold at \$58 to \$59 cum dividend, but are quieter, and have sellers at \$56 ex the final dividend at \$170 per share paid on 28th inst. Hongkong Hotels have sellers at \$147. Humphreys Estates have been done at \$114 to \$115 for old ex new issue, closing with sellers at \$114, also at \$3 and \$24 for new issue, 1st paid. Fully paid up shares of the new issue can be placed at \$104. The 15th ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders will be held on 10th prox., transfer books closing from 3rd to 13th prox. Shanghai Lands sold at Tls. 110 and have buyers; a wire from the north informs us that a final dividend of 6 per cent. and a bonus of Tls. 2 per share will be declared at the next meeting, this making 16 per cent. in all for 1903.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotations are: Ewoe Tls. 32 sellers, Internationals Tls. 25, Laos Tung Mow's Tls. 35, and Soyehs Tls. 170. Hongkong Cottons are weaker and are offering at \$15½.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have not been able to maintain last quotation, and there are no buyers now over \$25. China Borneo are apparently not wanted any longer at \$34. A. S. Watson's have sellers at \$144 and buyers at \$142. Electrics are on offer at \$123 for old and \$7 for new shares. Ropes have buyers at \$145. China Providents have sales and are firm at \$9. Watkins can be placed at \$7½. Wm. Powells sold at \$9½ to \$9½ and are firm at latter rate. Philippine Company shares are in demand at \$10. Langkats have fallen in the north to Tls. 203½; the following telegram, information, dated 17th inst., has been received from the manager in Langkat:—Daily aggregate output of crude petroleum 76,000 gallons; kerosene made since the date of the preceding half monthly telegram 68,000 cases; kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half monthly telegram 71,000 cases; kerosene in stock at refinery at date 74,000 cases. The 23rd ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, will be held on 10th proximo, transfer books closing from the 1st to 10th proximo.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [396]

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No. 14, BELILIOS TERRACE. Nos. 15 & 17, MOSQUE JUNCTION. Apply to—

LINSEED & DAVIS. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [397]

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

HIS Excellency Mr. FRANCIS H. MAY, C.M.G., the Officer Administering the Government, will preside at the Prize Distribution at the above Government Institution TO-MORROW (TUESDAY NEXT), the 2nd FEBRUARY, at Noon. All interested in education are cordially invited.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Oxo., Headmaster. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [398]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [399]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (Florio and Rubastina United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG. Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LONDON and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship "CAPRI". Captain Delitto, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon. At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to—

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [400]

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SHAWMUT" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MUJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents. Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [7]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "CHUSAN" FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., ex s.s. Arcadia. From Australia, ex s.s. Victoria. From Calcutta, ex s.s. Sumatra. From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 p.m., TO-DAY, the 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 6th prox., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 31st January, 1904. [1]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship "HAILONG." Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 1st inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPIERRE & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [400]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR VICTORIA B.C. AND SEATTLE, WASH. VIA SHANGHAI, MUJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship "AKI MARU." Captain J. W. Ekstrand, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road. A. S. MIHARA, Manager. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [401]

ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the FREEMASONS HALL, Zetland Street, TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), the 1st FEBRUARY, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [363]

MUSIC. RAPID Tuition given on the BANJO, VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate. L. A. DE GRACA, 38, Peel Street, or Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [35]

DANCING. MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Rosemount Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGINNERS' CLASS to open in the CITY HALL shortly. Practice twice weekly. Fee \$10 a month. Address—

51, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [10]

NOTICE. MR. H. BUTTONEE begs respectfully to inform his numerous kind constituents in Hongkong and Kowloon that having recently moved his BAKERY to LARGER and more commodious PREMISES and improved and extended it greatly, bringing it up to the latest sanitary requirements, he is now in a position to produce FIRST-RATE BREAD in any quantity that may be desired.

The bread being produced under his own direct supervision can always be relied upon and guaranteed to be baked from the BEST and PUREST MATERIALS obtainable in Hongkong. It is always FRESH, GOOD, and WHOLESOME, and Mr. BUTTONEE respectfully asks and strongly recommends those of his customers who do not take bread from him now to give him a trial. Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [381]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 5th FEBRUARY, commencing at 10 a.m. and finishing at 3 p.m., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass (Gun position by the old Customs Station) in the direction of Razor Hill in an East-North-East direction.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [388]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, commencing at 10 a.m. and finishing at 3 p.m., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass in the direction of Razor Hill in an East-North-East direction.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [389]

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED throughout the months of January and February, during the months of January and February, the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 29th February.

Note.—The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:— THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through the Yamahai service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary. Sanitary Board Office, 4th January, 1904. [136]

## INTIMATIONS

## WANTED.

PRIVATE LESSONS in English. Reply to—

GERMAN, Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [362]

## WANTED.

A HOUSE at the Peak for the Summer Months. Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [229]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

## WANTED.

A CHINESE INTERPRETER for the Court in Sandakan. Must speak English, Malay and three or four Chinese dialects, say Fokien, Taichu, Cantonese. Salary \$80.00 per month and house allowance. Second Class passage provided to Sandakan. A trial of a few months will be given, and if not satisfactory return passage paid.

Apply to— Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

## WANTED.

A CHINESE SECOND CLERK for the Resident's Office at Kudat. Must speak English. Salary \$50.00 per month and house allowance \$6.00 per month. Second Class passage provided to Kudat. Three months' notice on either side to be given.

Apply to— Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE WANTED.

By Englishman, private family preferred; or would join Mess. Must be on lower levels. Apply—

"ALPHA," Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 26th January, 1904. [344]

FOR SALE.

THE NEW AMOY HOTEL. For particulars, apply to—

F. H. LUCASSEN, Proprietor, Amoy. Amoy, 20th January, 1904. [321]

FOR SALE.

THE BUSINESS of an Old-Established Mercantile Firm in Hongkong, including name, Goodwill, and Office Furniture. Apply, by letter, to—

BUSINESS, Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

FROM this date and until after the 25th February next, HORSES and/or PONIES not entered for the Forthcoming Races will not be allowed on the Race or Training Course between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Members may exercise unentered Horses or Ponies after 8 a.m. on the Training Course.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [269]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

MEMBERS and the Public are informed that the authorized version of the RACE BOOK is the one issued by Messrs. NORONHA & CO., which is on Sale at their Office and may also be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH and W. BREWER & CO.'s Establishments.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [357]

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 1st FEBRUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m., alongside DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S WHARF, ONE STEAM LAUNCH, Built at Teikow in 1901.

Length, ... 31 feet. Breadth, ... 13 ft. 6 in. Depth, ... 6 ft. 8 in. Condensing Engines, 6 ft. by 18 ft. by 6 ft. Boiler, ... 8 ft. by 6 in. Draft, ... As usual.

TERMS—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [380]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Geo. GIMBLE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 3rd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 2.45 p.m., at his Residence "LA HACIENDA" (East), MOUNT KELLET, A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View from Tuesday, the 2nd FEBRUARY. TERMS—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [377]

NOTICE OF FIRM.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between myself and Mr. JOHN HASTINGS having been dissolved by effluxion of time, my business will in future be carried on under the Firm name of DEACON, LOOKER and DEACON.

VICTOR H. DEACON, 10, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [117]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [272]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary. Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [258]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 & 40 Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 13th FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [365]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. JARDINE MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [287]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [386]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 23th January, 1904. [385]

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BREAD, BISCUITS, CAKES, &c. of best quality supplied to Families, Hotels, Clubs, Ships, and moderate terms. DORABEE & SON, Proprietors, Contractors to H.B.M. Navy. Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [306]

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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
an. 20, LYREMOON, German str., 1,238, Th. Lohmann, Ningbo 28th January, General.

an. 20, ONSANG, British str., 1,757, Davies, Nagasaki 24th January, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

an. 20, PIRA CHU KLAO, German str., 1,011, D. Roimere, Bangkok 18th Jan., Rice and Wood—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

an. 20, SIAM, British str., 922, R. A. Bums, Shanghai 26th January, Light—Geo. McBain.

an. 20, TUNGSHING, British str., 1,173, T. W. Selby, Wuhu and Chinkang 25th January, Rice and Oil—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

an. 20, CHINHEA, British str., 1,315, Robertson, Newport and Singapore 28th Jan., Coal—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

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LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	Brit. str.	E. G. Andrews	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, &c.	PALESTINE	Brit. str.		P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 14th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	16th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOTING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st March
LONDON & ANTWERP	GAUCUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th March
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL.	PAK LING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	E. SIMONS	Freest.	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	9th inst. at 1 P.M.
HAYRE, LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	SACHSEN	Ger. str.	W. Franke	MELCHERS & CO.	3rd inst. at Noon.
HAYRE, COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	RADNORSHIRE	Brit. str.	C. H. Barch	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	5th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	P. VALDEMAR	Dan. str.	Kock	MELCHERS & CO.	About 10th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ALLESIA	Ger. str.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	9th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	C. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	27th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	8th March
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	22nd March
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th April
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEEMUN	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22nd inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	GIKEL	Aus. str.	Damianovitch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March
THIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	SIKH	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd inst. P.M.
NEW YORK, via PORTS OF CALL, CANAL	E. OF INDIA	Brit. str.	J. W. Ekstrand	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 5th inst.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	A. Dixon	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	10th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.		NIPPON Yusen Kaisha	9th inst. at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, &c.	OLYMPIA	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	11th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	AGAMEMNON	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	24th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDAPAPA	Brit. str.	Hollingsworth	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	13th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AMHUR	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	Holmes	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	18th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	BORNEO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th inst.
DALNY, PORT ARTHUR & VLADIVOSTOK	MANCHURIA	Rus. str.	Prah	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	CHUNAN	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	W. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st inst.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW & AMOY	I. Goto	Jap. str.		OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	3rd inst. at 10 A.M.
TAMSU, via SWATOW & AMOY	T. Ogata	Jap. str.		OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	4th inst. at 10 A.M.
TAMSU, via SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDZURU MARU	Jap. str.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	7th inst. at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	HAIDONG	Brit. str.	Gibson	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day, at 2 P.M.
SWATOW	SHAMWUT	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
MANILA	CRILLI	Brit. str.		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	3rd inst.
MANILA DIRECT	ROBI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	6th inst. at 10 A.M.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	13th inst. at 10 A.M.
ILOHLO	ICHANG	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SINGAPORE, JAVA PORTS & MACASSAR	TJIPANAS	Dut. str.		H. C. TRADING CO.	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPIRI	Ital. str.	Balsito	CARLOWITZ & CO.	11th inst. at Noon.

## THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR DALNY, PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Russian Steamer

"MANCHURIA," Captain Prah, will be ready to load on or about MONDAY, the 1st February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1914. [248]

## "SHIRE" LINE.

FOR HAYRE, LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE," Captain C. H. Barch, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 5th February.

This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1914. [392]

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAYRE, BORDEAUX, &c.

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1914, "ERNEST SIDONS," Captain Charbonnel, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSIT.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian line as "Dumban," bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marselles, and accepted in transit through Marselles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 8th February. Specie and Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1914. [2]

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI," Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more Passengers.

Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 1/2 hours to reach Macao.

MING ON & CO.

Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

## NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

## OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DEPARTING
TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU" THURSDAY, 4th February, at 10 A.M.
TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" WEDNESDAY, 10th February, at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU" WEDNESDAY, 3rd February, at 10 A.M.
ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU" SUNDAY, 7th February, at 8 A.M.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Central.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1914. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 17 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.

R.M.S. "TAIPEI" 4,425 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 9th Mar.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" 3,852 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class ..... via St. Lawrence 400 ..... via New York 262.

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The magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPERESS" STEAMSHIPS passing through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS and make connection with the PACIFIC OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese or Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Handbooks, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to

G. BROWN, General Agent, 9, Des Vaux Street.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
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• OLYMPIA 2,837 A. Dixon Thursday, February 11th

• SHAMWUT 2,806 W. M. Smith Friday, February 19th

• TACOMA 2,812 M. Ridley Friday, February 26th

• VICTORIA 2,802 J. Truebridge Wednesday, March 16th

• TREMONT 2,806 T. W. Gardick Friday, March 25th

• OLYMPIA 2,837 A. Dixon Wednesday, April 27th

\* Not carrying second class passengers.

## FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. SHAMWUT 2,806 tons. W. M. Smith About 30th January.

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CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSE.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAMWUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, GENERAL AGENTS.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, 26th January, 1914. [7]

## HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESSE carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.</



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AND HUMBATA PORTS.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 5th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAK LING"	On 12th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 19th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 26th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 5th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHEIUS"	On 12th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 19th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th March.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 5th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 12th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 19th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 26th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 5th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 12th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 19th March.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 24th February.

For Freight, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"ANHUI"	On 1st February.
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 1st February.
ILOILO	"ICHANG"	On 1st February.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHANGSHA"	On 3rd February.
	"CHANGSHA"	On 9th February.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light, Unrivaled Table, A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS (See Special Advertisement).

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904.

# PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHIP VIA INLAND PORTLAND, OREGON SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO. STEAMSHIP

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON
"INDRAPURA"	4,890	A. E. Hollingsworth	February 13, 1904
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	March 15, 1904

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

**ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.**

Hongkong, 12th January, 1904.

# PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	"CHUAN"	About 1st February	Freight and Passengers.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	"BORNEO"	About 7th February	Freight and Passengers.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.	"PALERMO"	About 14th February	Freight only.

For further Particulars, apply to

**E. A. HEWETT,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

# THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR HAVRE, COPENHAGEN AND BALTIC PORTS.

"PRINS VALDEMAR,"  
Captain Kock, will leave for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**MELCHERS & CO.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

# EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

(Calling at MANILA, TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE,"  
Captain Helm, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 16th February, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A stewardess and a duly qualified surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PINGSUEY,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 29th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 4th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered a tor the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

STEAMSHIP "YARRA,"  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s. *Midor* and *Orizaba*, from Bordeaux ex.s.s. *Ville de Lorient*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, the 27th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 3rd February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd February, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 3rd February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1904.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HITACHI MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, 28th inst.

Goods not cleared before the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notices of same sent to this Office before the 7th prox., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MOYUNE,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 30th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 5th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

## DIRECTORY OF PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES IN CHINA, JAPAN AND COREA FOR 1904.

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Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Amoy;

Messrs. H. BLOW & Co., Tientsin;

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1903.

## QUAN WAH & CO., GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS.

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Estimates, Designs and Prices on Application.

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1903.

## INSURANCES

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO., Hongkong, 28th November, 1903.

LUNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

AACHEN and MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

## PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

## THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security .. 2625,719

Total Losses Paid .. 23,769,240

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

## THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

W. & HUMPHREYS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903.

## NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSURANCE. Prospectuses on application.

TURNER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1902, £18,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000 0 0

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS, 2,867,215 14 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON.

On and after the 1st January, 1904, the Passage Rates will be by Mail steamers—

First Saloon .. 244

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Return tickets are issued at a fare and a half available for 2 years.

The proposed sailings are—

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S.S. Coromandel March 26th S.S. Oceana

S.S. Simla April 9th S.S. Mongolian

S.S. Bengal April 23rd S.S. China

S.S. Malta May 7th S.S. Himalaya

S.S. Chusan May 21st S.S. Marmora

Good accommodation can be arranged, on booking, in the connecting steamers at Colombo, which now include the new steamers Moldavia, Mongolia and Marmora.

## INTERMEDIATE STEAMERS.

The revised rates of passage by these steamers are now: To London 1st Saloon £50, 2nd Saloon £35.

Return tickets available for 2 years can now be issued at a fare and a half.

Return tickets available for two years are also issued home by Intermediate and out by Mail steamer or vice versa.

Rates on application.

When these steamers call at Marseilles tickets can be issued to that port at £46, First Saloon £31 Second saloon.

**E. A. HEWETT,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1904.

## COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, Ltd., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily. Sun days excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901.

## SIEN TING.

SURGEON DENTIST.  
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TERMS VERY MODERATE.  
Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, NOR THE OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the CAPTAIN or crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Stamps containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00

Each— 10 stamps at 4 cents

12 " " 2 " "

12 " " 1 " "

Letters and Post cards are now received for transmission to Europe via the Trans-Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No printed matter can be accepted. Unpaid or underpaid correspondence cannot be forwarded. The Rates of Postage by this route will be the same as at present via the Suez Canal.

Letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian boat from Shanghai to Dairen which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

The Siberia, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Monday, the 25th ult., and may be expected here to-day.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Hainan	Hanoi	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wakamatsu Maru	Monday, 1st, 11.00 A.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Whampoa	Monday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Hanoi	Anhui	Monday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Haitian and Pakhoi	Ichang	Monday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Hoiho	Monday, 1st, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore	Houma	Monday, 1st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hankow	Tuesday, 2nd, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Glenloch	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Loongang	Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Pouan	Wednesday, 3rd, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Houma	Wednesday, 3rd, 7.30 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Taitoria. (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)

Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta	Kunming	Wednesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Chili	Wednesday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Thursday, 4th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Thursday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Friday, 5th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Friday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Saturday, 6th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Saturday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Sunday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Kinhua	Tuesday, 9th, 7.30 A.M.

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Yokohama and Kobe	Changsha	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Empress of India	Wednesday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Capri	Thursday, 11th, 11.30 A.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY. Sale, Steam-Inn, Douglas Steamship Co.'s. What, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 3 p.m. Regular Meeting of the 7th Ward Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, 8.30 for 9 p.m. Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.90
Bank Bills, on demand	1.90
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.90
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.90
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight	1.90
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 10	1.90
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.97
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.97
ON HAMBURG.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.85
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	4.91
Credit, 60 days' sight	4.94
ON HONGKONG.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.90
Bank, on demand	1.90
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.90
Bank, on demand	1.90
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	7.14
Private, 30 days' sight	7.12
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	8.94
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	10.81
ON HAIPHONG.—	
On demand	34.00
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	1.00
ON BOMBAY.—	
On demand	11.10
COLLIERIES, Bank's Buying Rate	58.50
COLLIERIES, 100 tons, per ton	58.50
ON SINGAPORE, per oz.	2.97